

# **BURIEN BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (BEDP)**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** March 9, 2007

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 AM

**Members Present:** Kevin Fitz, David Elliott, Jim Hughes, Doug Moreland, Ryan Warnes, Tom Gehl, Mark Minium, Bob Ewing, Karen Lautermilch

**Absentees:** Debra George, John Welch

**Excused Absentees:** Harvey Aulgur, Rick Cosgrave and Nancy Damon

**Staff:** David Cline, Assistant City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager; David Johanson, Senior Planner; Janet Stallman, Department Assistant, City Manager's Office

**Guests:** David Johnson, Transportation Solutions, Inc., Denise Henrikson, ReUse Resources; Councilmember Gordon Shaw

**Call to Order:** Meeting opened at 7:05 a.m. by Chairman Kevin Fitz

**Minutes:** Corrections were made to the February 23, 2007, Meeting Minutes. Page 3, under Parking Stakeholders Subcommittee Report, paragraph 3, the second to last paragraph should read, "The Stakeholder group" instead of the "Planning Commission." Paragraph 4, the last sentence should read, "You want parking in the area to turn over." The Minutes were approved with corrections.

### **Chair's Report – Kevin Fitz**

Kevin welcomed special guests, Denise Henrikson, David Johnson, and Councilmember Gordon Shaw.

Kevin reported on the fundraiser held at Mick Kelly's last Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, for the college fund of Officer Cox's son. Over \$14,000 was raised from the event. Two television stations came to cover the fundraiser, and the news reporters were impressed with the community's support of the event. It was standing room only at times. Kevin thanked everyone who had attended for their support.

Kevin mentioned that Elliott Bay Brew Pub has opened. He believes it is a wonderful improvement to the area, and that it is an asset to the entire street. Parking is an issue, but the business owners will need to work together to solve it.

### **City Manager's Report – David Cline**

Mike Martin is in Washington, D.C. with Mayor McGilton, Deputy Mayor Clark, and Councilmembers Blazak and Nelson. They are asking for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of funding for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S., as well as funding for a low-impact stormwater drain system for Town Square Park. They are also talking with legislators regarding a pilot program for land development near airports. This relates to NERA development.

**Town Square Update:** The documents are ready and the closing is scheduled for next week. Bartell's was given a couple weeks' extension beyond June 1<sup>st</sup> to move across the street to the Redwood Center. The new Burger King is up and running.

**Annexation** – We are in litigation with Seattle at the Growth Management Hearing Board. Briefs are due at the end of April. The cases have been consolidated. We should have a ruling by next summer. We will be meeting with our consultants, Berk and Associates next week to see the detailed financial information they've been working on. The report is a model that allows for different assumptions to be input, with alternate outcomes.

**Q.** Are there plans to have different parts of the community review the plan? **A.** Council will weigh in on the plan. There was always going to be some kind of community outreach, but that process has not been set up yet.

The State Legislature is in session until mid-April. HB1139 made it out of committee. Seattle would receive \$5-6 million if they annexed North Highline, 20% of which would go to Burien to offset the cost impact of providing Police and Fire Services. We don't know whether HB1139 is going to survive. Our position is, if the State is paying \$5-6 million to Seattle for annexing North Highline, the same amount should be available to Burien, should we annex North Highline. The State wants North Highline to be annexed. Either jurisdiction that does annex should get the amount budgeted – no difference in amount. Currently, Burien would receive nothing if Seattle annexes.

**Q.** Where does the 20% figure come from? **A.** Gordon Shaw offered this explanation: When Seattle was looking at receiving \$8-9 million in tax revenue, Burien was looking at receiving approximately \$2.2 million (which is roughly 20% of the \$9 million figure).

David Cline reported that streamline sales tax is moving forward. This means that Burien could receive an estimated \$300,000 in additional revenues.

**Sound Transit II** – Burien is still on the list for a new transit garage. Letters of support should be sent so that we don't drop off their radar screen. We need to keep in their vision.

#### **Questions and Answers – (10 minutes)**

**Q.** What litigation are we in with Seattle? **A.** There are two issues. Our PAA areas overlap, and cannot do so. The other issue is who gets first right to annexation? In the past, it was whoever filed first had first right.

Gordon Shaw commented that our PAA was only filed a month before Seattle, and that is only because we were put on the schedule first. The court may look at this as simultaneous action.

**Q.** What regional political effort is being made through the City's lobbyist to try to get this "reigned in" until the numbers get more accurate? **A.** Councilmember Nelson has contacted all our representatives. Burien is trying to get an audience with Speaker Frank Chop because it might boil down to being his call. We are in touch with Mike Doubleday, lobbying in Olympia, daily. The Governor doesn't want to talk about annexation.

### **Economic Benefits of Life Sciences – Denise Henrikson, Director, ReUse Resources**

Denise Henrikson brings a unique perspective as to what life science encompasses. Denise's background is in workforce development. Denise has started "ReUse Resources," which gathers surplus liquidated items from business, individuals, and manufacturing and makes them available to teachers and community programs so that they can do hands-on learning in their situations, whether it's a classroom or community organization where kids can learn by putting things together and doing hands-on projects. When kids get excited about learning when they're young, it's much easier to keep them interested when they get older.

By having this resource, we're lessening the impact on our landfills, and we're lessening the impact on pocketbooks, too. We're making materials available to teachers inexpensively. We put together learning kits, using materials that might otherwise get tossed, to teach science, math, and art projects. There are endless ideas of what you can do with materials. This can encompass life science projects as well. These projects stimulate creativity.

The Visa Economic Index identified the Seattle area as the most innovative area in the country. In their criteria, they consider community support, creativity and entrepreneurialism. Part of this business is that Denise has high school interns, and they run the shop together. She really listens to their input.

Denise was involved in helping develop a ladder approach to workforce development in Pima County, Arizona. Pima County had a nursing and healthcare worker shortage, but developed a community-wide program that solved the problem. It starts with children, and relates to getting kids excited about science. Denise is committed to this community, and would love to be part of this effort for Workforce Development and Economic Development Burien. Denise invites everyone to stop by the store in the basement of Sunnydale Elementary. Hours are Thursdays, 10am- 6pm.

Dick will provide information that Denise shared with him on the Pima County program in which she was involved.

### **Parking Study**

David Johanson let the group know that this was the first of two meetings scheduled with BEDP to get their input on the Parking Stakeholder Group Recommendations. Particularly, there are three sections they'd like feedback on: Parking Management and New Supply, the Section on the Parking Fee in Lieu Program, and the Implementation Plan, which does a good job of summarizing the recommendations. David Johanson introduced David Johnson of Transportation Solutions, Inc. David Johnson provided a brief summary of the technical report. The floor was opened up for discussion.

Some of the items coming out of the discussion were:

- Right now, parking is in relatively low demand, and people don't want to walk 100 feet. Compare that to a Seahawks football game, where they look at the cost of parking, and they'll park 2 miles away. As demand increases, people will be willing to walk further.
- Residential parking is not considered in the study. It's really separate. The residential component actually reduces your "trip generation." Residents are going to walk to their destination and to transit. These walking trips shrink the demand, relatively speaking. Businesses should be busier with less parking demand because of the pedestrian traffic.
- We need to make crossing the streets less dangerous. With people having to walk farther, we need to have pedestrian-friendly environments. Mid-block crossings are good, but speed along 152<sup>nd</sup> is a problem.
- Are age and tradition factored in? If we do not accommodate our somewhat elderly population, we will find them driving to Southcenter to park; there is an expectation of less danger walking in a parking lot.
- There was interest expressed in purchasing land that is available right now. Property will only get more expensive. We should be looking at purchasing land for "pocket parking." We need to be thinking long-term and get ahead of the game. We ought to have a strategy for the entire downtown. We should prioritize the implementation plan.
- The group decided to have a Parking Sub-Committee meet to assimilate their ideas and make recommendations. David Johanson agreed to come to the Sub-Committee meeting on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to answer any questions. Jim Hughes, Tom Gehl, Ryan Warnes and Bob Ewing all agreed to meet at 7:00 a.m. on Friday.

This Sub-Committee on parking will report back to the group next meeting, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, after a committee meeting next Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, here at Interim City Hall.

### **Future Agenda – Partnership**

Next Meeting March 23, 2007, 7:00 a.m. – INTERIM CITY HALL

### **Round the Table**

Bob Ewing – Enjoyed Denise's Talk

David Cline – Announced that a new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator will begin April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Her name is Karen Ferreira.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 AM.